

# Global Learning Semesters

## Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-610 Nationalism and Ethnicity

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-610	Nationalism and Ethnicity	5
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

- Nationalisms old and new—An introduction to the subject of nationalism within sociological discourse.
- Nationalisms and ethnicity—What distinctions are to be made between these social phenomena and what comparisons do they bear?
- Taking nationalism personally—What are the consequences of thinking about nationalism as banal, common or everyday?
- Nationalists inheritance of the past and the building of the future—Why does so much legitimacy rest on claiming origins? What is the role of social memory and how are serviceable narratives constructed?

### Instructor

Dr David Officer

### Course Aims and Objectives

This course will familiarize the student with a range of issues in sociological theory relating to nationalism and ethnicity, particularly as these phenomenon are experienced within contemporary Europe and on Europe's borders. The primary focus of the course is on how nationalism can be fruitfully understood as a social and political movement. How it manifests itself in a wide variety of different locations, how it has both left wing as well as right wing variants and how it works with, as well as against, movements of class and gender. Also explored is the relationship between nationalism and ethnicity, specifically, the emergence and consolidation of ethno-nationalisms.

### Teaching Methods

Lectures, discussions, group work.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Spring semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

### Evaluation and Grading

Project:	50%
Written work:	30%
Oral participation:	20%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbook

- Hutchinson, J. and Smith, A.D (eds) Nationalism (1994), Oxford: Oxford University Press  
Hutchinson, J. and Smith, A.D (eds) Ethnicity (1996), Oxford: Oxford University Press  
Calhoun, C Nationalism (1997), Buckingham: Open University Press  
Erickson, T.H Ethnicity and Nationalism: Anthropological Perspectives (1993), London: Pluto Press

### Recommended Reading

- Anderson, B Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism (1996 – revised edition), London: Verso  
Brubaker, R Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe (1996) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press